

written in the typewritten document which he had the man sign covering the settlement.

Margaret protested against having to pay a lawyer, but was reminded of the \$10 that would be coming to her on Aug. 17, and when Borchardt told her he was the official lawyer of the home she felt she was in the game and it wouldn't be any use to holler.

During Margaret's stay, however, she says she had been spending her own money, gotten by selling a few of her personal belongings to a friend, to buy herself sufficient to eke out the spare rations at the home, as she claims most of the girls do, and that she has been working as all the girls do when they are not in chapel listening to Richards recommending spiritual bread in place of wheat. When she came to the last penny she could get and Richards told her she would have to leave or be subservient to the chapel attending rules, she went to Miss Grimsby again to see just what a girl with a tiny baby was supposed to do when the \$100 first payment for her baby had been gobbled up by the charitable home and the lawyer who says he represents it, and the matter was brought to Judge Fisher.

Richards said many kind things about how good the home is and how fond they are of caring for girls who have no money, but he made no mention of the work the girls do, or of the fact brought out by the Curran committee that girls are hired out sometimes as yet nurses or that the home provides them with scant rations and a shelter, but doesn't, according to the girls, even give them toilet soap or talcum powder to dust a heat-rash baby. In answer to Judge Fisher's query why he hadn't brought the matter to the court, where the full amount allowed by the law of \$550 could have been obtained from the man for the support of the baby, he was very vague and harked back to the understanding he had that it would delight Margaret beyond

measure if the man just came across with the \$75 the home felt she owed them for being "charitable" to her.

Neither did Richards have any satisfactory answer to make to Judge Fisher's query if he was not aware that under the law not a penny of the settlement obtained for the support of the baby could be taken for the support of the mother.

Nor when Rep Curran denounced the home and similar institutions as graft and declared there wasn't any charity connected with them and that their aim was to get as much money as possible out of the man and let the poor girl get the worst of it did Dr. Richards have even the least little bit of a come-back.

Judge Fisher ordered that the Beulah Home might retain one-fourth of the first \$100 for the baby's board, and must return to Margaret \$75, though Richards claims he only got \$60 and the other \$40 is roaming between the home and Borchardt's office. Organized charity left the court of inquiry badly crippled.

But, after all, that is nothing new for organized charity. The sad thing is the very sweet, refined mother of the baby who hasn't lost her faith yet in the kindness of humanity and is hoping that she may find a place where they will give her and the baby a home in return for her work, because, she says, "The baby is very good and I can do cooking and cleaning and I think I would be lots stronger if I got somewhere where they liked me."

#### OUT OF THE ORDINARY

"What is there queer about this embezzlement case?"

"The money was not taken by the most trusted employe."—Philadelphia Record.

Ex-Mayor Donn Roberts of Terre Haute has been put at work at the wash tubs in Leavenworth—Terre Haute beat him to it at washing its dirty linen.